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TOOL AND METHOD

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2006  
for the above-identified application.

No fee is believed due. However, if any fees is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge  
deposit account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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SIR:

In response to a September 18, 2006 Final Office Action in the above-identified application, please amend, without prejudice, the above-captioned application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.